



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

An adventure for *life!*

Reflections

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A Little Cheese with That Whine?

OUR CONGREGATION

Ministers - All who gather here
in the name of Jesus

Pastor - F. Allan Debelak

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Lay Ministry Coordinator -

Kelley Scott

Organist/Senior Choir Director -

Kathy Rapp

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Kent

Youth REJOYSing - Julie

Larson

Youth Director -

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Chairman - Robin Stokes

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Member - Helen Brunston

Member - William McCulley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - Michele Disbro

MIC STUDENTS

2nd year - Jared Witt

1st year - Joe Brosious

It's been just about a year since I began as the lay ministry coordinator (LMC) at Redeemer. As a person who loves planning, details, and accomplishing tasks, it has been a challenge for me to step into a position with broadly-defined responsibilities to help shape and share a largely unknown and sometimes misunderstood equipping church/ministry vision. What did I get myself into?

The last almost-12 months have included a lot of research, reading, searching out examples, talking to others, etc. Though I love to read, plot, and plan, I am most affirmed when I am able to accomplish something specific within a reasonable amount of time. I am a do-er ... plan it, put it on the list, check it off the list, task done. Mission accomplished. It's one of the reasons I love doing the laundry and dishes at home. So far in this LMC role, I have been stretched to redefine my sense of accomplishment in a different way, to be patient with the process, to take time to learn and grow, to observe and assess, to pause and digest.

Over and over, I have read these words from the experts who have been there, done that: "Most of the principles ... take months and even years of patient commitment to implement" and "Many churches underestimate the amount of time, energy and expertise required to implement and facilitate a comprehensive equipping ministry system." One of the chapters of one of the core resources I continue to utilize is entitled "Starting the Journey in Helplessness." Boy, can I relate to that feeling!

And yet ... because I am also a dreamer, I am continually excited and energized by the possibilities that exist, ideas about personal and congregational renewal and growth, and examples of what and how other congregations have come along in their own journeys. When it comes right down to it, all of the principles and concepts and ideas are simply ways to help each of us grow as followers of Jesus. And as Christians, we are *all* called to that vision.

So don't mind me if I whine a little bit as we stretch as a congregation and wrestle with different ideas and methods. Know that Redeemer Lutheran is no better or no worse than other congregations in its journey to be an equipping church. Know that some will heartily embrace where we're going and how we're getting there and others will come along kicking and screaming. Know that at times it will feel like we're flying with energy and other times it will feel like we're barely moving along. And know that as long as we trust in God and keep our focus on following Jesus, we will continue to grow in our faith journey ... personally and together.

Peace, Kelley

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS

Isaiah 65:1-9; Galations 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

10:00 AM Holy Communion (Setting 2)

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

+ For the people of St Mark Lutheran Church.

+ For Redeemer member Carolyn Moehring.

+ *Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and concerns:* Pearl Aggas, Doris Bell, Jan Bouman, Rose Varga, Doretha Holland, Georgia Wegmeyer, Barb Atkinson, Betty Hoops, Bebe McCoy, Ellen Kunce, Evelyn Fitch, Theresa Frazier, Vernon Schleppe, Kathie Ehrich, Robin Stokes, Estella Kuemmel and Redeemer visitors.

WORSHIP LEADERS

10:00 AM

Assisting Minister

Seth Harms

Acolyte

Rachel Metzler

Reader

Kathy Denhard

Cantor

Katie Kent Smith

Coordinator

Kathy Zwanziger

Ushers

Mike Benis

Mary Benis

Welcoming Team

Becky Fisher

Stan Heacock

Hospitality

Julie Johnson/Kathy Zwanziger

Nursery

Julie Larson

Communion Set-up

Kay Ernsthause & Michele Disbro

RESPONSE TO VISITORS

Baked Goods Baker

Linda Johnson

Baked Goods Deliverer

Kathy Zwanziger

Note-writer

Bonnie Hegreness

Food Pantry Delivery

Barb Connors

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS RESUMES IN THE FALL

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

JUNE 15-22

Tuesday

8:00 AM ROMEO

10 AM-8 PM Cello Lessons – Room 9

6:30 PM Basketball Camp –
Information Night

Wednesday

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 4

7:00 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh
Day Adventists – Rm. 2

8:30 PM OCA (Obsessive
Compulsive Anonymous)

Thursday

7:30 PM SPMHOTN

Friday

Saturday

9 AM-3 PM Beacon of Hope/Seventh
Day Adventists

11:00 AM Book Study – Pastors
house

Sunday

10:00 AM Holy Communion

11:30 AM Worship Committee

Monday

5-7 PM Youth Expressions – Rm. 2

5:30 PM Evangelism Committee

6:00 PM Brownie Troop – Rm. 3

6:30 PM Juniors – Room 5

7:00 PM DADS

7:30 PM Good Pennysworth Concert
- Sanctuary

Tuesday

10 AM-8 PM Cello Lessons – Room 9

5:30 PM Mutual Ministry

PRAYERS & PERSONALS

Congratulations to **Rachel Gunkelman** and **Andy Day** who were married Saturday, June 12 in Cleveland! **Pastor Al** assisted in the ceremony. Andy is the son of **Eileen** and **Bret Day** and the grandson of **Dave** and **LaVerna Reinoehl**.

Congratulations also to **Faith** and **Mel Wick** who just celebrated their 57th anniversary!

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Prayers are asked for **Mary Lapham** whose mother **Olga Walters** died and for **Edwina Bradley** who had knee ... not hip ... replacement surgery this past week.

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Redeemer will **NOT** be working at the Thrivent/Habitat for Humanity site on Saturday, June 19.

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Fair Trade orders are in and ready for pick up.

REDEEMER COMMUNITY NEWS

VBS Nears, Offers Variety of Ways to Help

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner: Sunday, June 27 through Thursday, July 1! Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by activities from 6-8 p.m. Come have a Baobab Blast as we adventure to the African savannah and explore connections with God, family, friends, and others around the world. You won't want to miss the most amazing community get-together under the sun!

It's not too late to participate ... visit the display in the Narthex to register for VBS, donate/lend needed supplies, make a financial contribution, and/or sign up to contribute food items for dinner.

Plan to join in the adventure on Thursday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. for the closing celebration, followed by an ice cream social!

Questions can be directed to VBS co-coordinators Trina Thornton at psberman02@yahoo.com or Kelley Scott at kelleynotez@yahoo.com. Trina and Kelley can also be contacted by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

The following food items are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex for what you can bring.

- 8 packages/10 count each – hot dogs
- 7 packages/12 count each – hot dog buns
- 3 large bags Doritos
- 4 bags carrots (cut)
- 6 bunches celery (cut)
- 6 jars spaghetti sauce
- 8 lbs. cubed cheese
- 4 32-oz. bags of frozen peas
- 4 32-oz. bags of frozen corn
- 4 32-oz. bags of frozen green beans
- 16 cans (15 oz.) baked beans
- 7 boxes macaroni and cheese
- 4 loaves of bread
- 3 large watermelons
- 6 lbs of seedless grapes
- 8 lbs. of spaghetti noodles
- 6 packages of cookies
- ice cream toppings: 2 chocolate; 2 caramel; 1 strawberry
- 2 jars of mustard
- 4 boxes (50 count each) Ziplock bags
- 6 boxes 50 count each plastic forks and spoons

Registrations Open for Basketball Camp

Registrations are now being taken for Redeemer's 2010 Basketball Camp. It is for youth ages 8 to 14 and will run from June 28 through August 5. Sessions are Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be one court for younger players and one for more seasoned players.

There will be a Parent Information Night on Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The camp, which is run by Berwick resident and former NBA player **Larry Jones**, is free. Funds are provided by RLC, paper recycling by the community and a Neighborhood Partnership Grant.

Sister Act to View Hotel Rwanda

Sister Act will meet next on Wednesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. downstairs in the room off the Fellowship Hall. This month, the group will be watching and discussing the movie

Hotel Rwanda, the true story of one man's brave stance against savagery during the 1994 Rwandan conflict.

They will also discuss the efforts of the Rwanda Women in Action, a local organization working to improve the social, economic, and physical security of women and children in Rwanda.

Sister Act is a new kind of Women of the ELCA congregational unit, meeting monthly and rotating activities of study, service, and spiritual growth. Women of ALL ages are welcome to join us! If you have any questions, contact **Kelley Scott** at kelleynotez@yahoo.com or by home phone at (740) 756-4817.

A Note from Stewardship

We are blessed to be members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Part of the religious experience is in giving of our blessings. We do this in many ways, through music, reading, carrying banners, prayer, and financial support to name just a few. It is important that we give to God our first and best in all situations; giving of our time, talents, participation, consistent attendance in worship, attention, and support.

Financial support is critical to shaping the ministry of our congregation. In this area there is a concept of first fruits giving. The origin of first fruits giving is from Proverbs 3:9 "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce."

We are stewards of the life of the church, stewards of all our gifts and actions related to these gifts. Please consider prayerfully giving to the Lord first, consistently, and with intent.

'Sunday Swingers' Golf Set for June 20

Mike Benis announced that the first summer golf outing will be Sunday, June 20 at 12:30 p.m. at Blacklick Golf Course. Call Mike at 864-1506 with any questions.

More from the Mission Trips Ministry...

Are you interested in doing something about hunger? Then consider a Harvest of Hope mission work camp this October 22-24 in Palmyra, Pennsylvania! The mission trips ministry at Redeemer is planning to participate in this intergenerational weekend of gleanings, study, worship, fellowship, and nutrition.

Tuition for the weekend is \$75 per person, which includes lodging, all meals and snacks, and educational materials. Participants should be in reasonably good shape, be willing to get hot and sweaty, and be ready to work for 4-5 hours on Saturday.

Those interested in participating, should sign-up on the sheet on the kiosk. A meeting of all interested participants will occur on Sunday, June 20 at 9 a.m., at which time completed application forms and a \$25 per person deposit will be collected.

More information about this program and the Society of St. Andrew, can be found online at www.endhunger.org.

Questions about Redeemer's involvement in this weekend can be directed to **Kelley Scott** at kelleynotez@yahoo.com, (740) 756-4817 - home or (740) 475-8498 - cell.

RLC Sponsors Good Pennyworths Quartet

Redeemer will present New York City's Good Pennyworths Quartet, a Renaissance vocal ensemble with lute

accompaniment, performing their staged concert "Songs from Shakespeare: True Love Never Did Run Smooth" on Monday, June 21. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. here at Redeemer. The Good Pennyworths have plucked songs and dialogue straight from Shakespeare's plays and woven them into new musical tales about fools, lovers and life in these "giddy-paced times."

The concert is open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken; a donation \$10 is suggested.

Sunday Brunch on the Lawn

On Sunday, June 27, the Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a Sunday Brunch on the lawn after the 10 a.m. worship service.

The committee asks that you bring a brunch side dish to share. Also you can bring a lawn chair and your own table service, if you'd like.

The Fellowship Committee will provide breakfast casseroles and drinks.

In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Fellowship Hall. Plan to come!

Movie Group to Ohio Theatre on June 27

The Movie Group will take an excursion to the Ohio Theatre on Sunday, June 27 to see the summer movie, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" starring Gordon MacCrae and Shirley Jones. The group will meet outside the theatre at 1:40 p.m. with the movie running from 2 to 4 p.m.

Costs are \$4 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors.

RLC Supports Food Pantry

During the month of May, Redeemer members donated 308 food and personal care items to the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry. According to **Kathie Ehrich**, the pantry was delighted to receive all of the plastic grocery bags as well.

David Drumm, manager of the pantry, said, "We can always count on the generosity of Redeemer."

There continues to be a great need for tea, coffee, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, soap, dishwashing detergent and laundry detergent.

Volunteers Sought to Pick up Flowers

Redeemer has an immediate need for volunteers to pick up altar flowers for Sunday worship.

While the church has a standing order for altar flowers at Market Blooms in the North Market downtown, flowers must be picked up on Friday or Saturday and the brought to Redeemer, arranged in a vase and placed in the chancel.

Anyone who could help with this important service is asked to contact **Pastor Al** at 237-1263 or **Karen Collins** 939-0730.

The more people on the rotation, the fewer weeks each will have to serve.

Time to Sign Up for Summer Hospitality

There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk for hosting summertime hospitality refreshments after Redeemer's one worship service.

The Evangelism Committee notes that after worship time is a great chance to mingle and connect with folks you don't always see throughout the rest of the church year.

It also encourages groups from the congregation (small groups, committees, etc.) or groups of families to host a Sunday.

RLC Receives Grants

Redeemer was recently notified that it will receive funding from the 2010 Neighborhood Partnership Grant program for its "A Between Space" and "Making Room – to Feed Neighbors" projects.

According to the grant letter, a total of more than \$520,000 in requests was received by the partnership which includes Bob Evans, the Columbus Foundation, PNC Bank, the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations and United Way of Central Ohio. In total, 61 grants were funded for a total of \$264,510. Redeemer will receive a total of \$10,750.

Community Gardens: Here, Abroad

Even as Redeemer has planted a garden to benefit the neighbors in our community, it is also possible to help others around the world raise fresh vegetables. For the next several months, the "loose change" offering (which is provided through the offering plates located in the front of the sanctuary) will go to help establish a community vegetable garden through the ELCA's "Good Gifts" program in Cambodia, Kenya, or perhaps Peru. A "good gift" of \$200 helps establish a community vegetable garden.

Most recently, the "loose change" offering resulted in \$152 being contributed to cover the shipping costs of the health kits to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse for distribution throughout the world.

Building Use Reminder

Members are asked that when they use the building to return the areas in use to the way they were found. This also means picking up any messes and making sure the doors are locked and – if they are the last out of the building – the alarm is set.

The Wider Church

Stofac Resigns as CEO of LSS

Thomas Stofac has resigned as CEO of Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Central Ohio, effective July 2. **Nels Hendrickson** will serve as interim CEO while the Board of Directors seeks a permanent replacement.

In a letter to Redeemer, Stofac said, "We are serving more people in need than ever before and are healthier financially than we have been for many years." His plans include taking a few weeks off and then restarting his independent consulting practice.

Trinity Sponsors Summer Music

Trinity Seminary's "Tuesdays at Trinity" Summer Music series continues on Tuesday, June 15 with the Brass Band of Columbus. The concerts are held in the Gloria Dei Worship Center and are free. The final Tuesday concert will be held on and June 22, featuring the Columbus Symphony Brass Quintet.

Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission of the Southern Ohio Synod invites men to join the group on Saturday, June 19 at 8 a.m. at Lutheran Memorial Camp for a Volunteer Day. Questions? Contact **David Drumm** at 443-5130 or at dadrumm@yahoo.com.